

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2013-42055
Issue No.: 5025
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 18, 2013
County: Wayne (35)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 18, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's request for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance with shelter emergency?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. On March 29, 2013 and April 15, 2013, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency, property taxes..
2. The Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant.
3. On April 15, 2013, the Department received Claimant's hearing request, protesting the SER denial.
4. Claimant had no income at the time of her requests for emergency assistance.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by 2004 PA 344. The SER program is administered pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and by, 1999 AC, Rule 400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

Housing affordability is a condition of eligibility for Home Ownership Services, per ERM 207, p.1. The group must have sufficient income to meet their total housing obligation, which includes property taxes. *Id.* The total housing obligation cannot exceed 75 percent of the group's net income. *Id.*

In the present case, Claimant testified that at the times she applied for assistance with real estate taxes, she indicated to the Department that she did not have income. In addition, Claimant also testified that she did not receive vouchers as delineated in ERM 207 to meet an exception with regard to her lack of income.

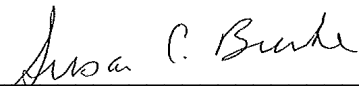
Therefore, the Department was correct in denying Claimant's SER for property taxes.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department properly denied Claimant's SER application for assistance with shelter emergency.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department did act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED for the reasons stated on the record.



Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 7, 2013

Date Mailed: August 8, 2013

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reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

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Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
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 - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
 - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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